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SUBJECT: CABINET REAFFIRMS BARRE PLAN LIMIT OF 55
BILLION FRANCS FOR 1977 OIL IMPORTS

REF: (A) PARIS 34828; (B) PARIS 33541

1. PRESS REPORTS GOF WEEKLY CABINET MEETING NOV. 24
DISCUSSED ENERGY PROBLEM AND REAFFIRMED INTENTION HOLD
FRANCE'S PETROLEUM IMPORTS NEXT YEAR TO 55 BILLION
FRANCS DESPITE THREAT OF OPEC PRICE INCREASE.

2. PRESS NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTERS STILL RULE OUT
FUEL RATIONING AND HAVE OPTED INSTEAD FOR ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW INTER-MINISTERIAL ENERGY SAVING GROUP TO SEE
THAT 55 BILLION FRANC CEILING IS RESPECTED. IMMEDIATE
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MEASURES WHICH WILL REPORTEDLY BE INSTITUTED INCLUDE

STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMITS AND BUILDING
HEATING CONTROLS.

3. CABINET'S COMMUNIQUE SAYS NEW ENERGY MEASURES WILL
BE WORKED OUT BY INTER-MINISTERIAL GROUP FOR SUBMISSION
TO PARLIAMENT NEXT SPRING. IN MEANTIME, COMMUNIQUE
CONTINUES, GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO CITIZENS--PARTICULARLY
MOTORISTS--TO CUT DOWN ENERGY CONSUMPTION.

4. CABINET IS CLEARLY FOLLOWING LINE OUTLINED NOV. 23
BY PRIME MINISTER BARRE TO SENATOR JAVITS (REF A).
HOWEVER, QUESTION MARK REMAINS CONCERNING DEGREE TO
WHICH AN OPEC PRICE INCREASE MIGHT AFFECT FRANCE'S
ABILITY TO STICK TO PRIME MINISTER'S 55 BILLION FRANC
OIL IMPORT CEILING DURING 1977 (REF B).
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